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SUBJECT: 1978 NATO DEFENSE PLANNING SYMPOSIUM

REF: USNATO 6303, DTG 011155Z JUL 77

1. AMBASSADOR KOMER HAS AGREED TO ATTEND AND SPEAK AT SYMPOSIUM; YOU MAY SO INDICATE.
2. WE SUPPORT STRONGLY USING THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM AS FOCUS OF THE SYMPOSIUM.
3. WE CONSIDER SYMPOSIUM HIGHLY USEFUL FORUM FOR NATIONAL SENIOR-LEVEL DISCUSSION OF POLICY ASPECTS, PROBLEMS, PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS OF LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM AND UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPECT TO INVITE SENIOR SERVICE PLANNERS (TWO AND THREE-STAR LEVEL) TO ATTEND AS PART OF US PARTICIPATING GROUP, ALONG WITH SENIOR DOD AND STATE PLANNERS.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT SYMPOSIUM NOT BE LIMITED TO THREE DAYS, SINCE THIS OFFERS RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD MEASURED AGAINST TRAVEL EXPENSES. MOREOVER, WE WOULD FIND THREE

DAYS INADEQUATE FOR SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE. AS A MINIMUM WE WOULD SUGGEST AN ADDITIONAL DAY OF SYMPOSIUM DISCUSSIONS, COVERING FIELD OF STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY.

5. IN ORDER TO MAKE TIME AVAILABLE FOR A LONGER SYMPOSIUM WE SUGGEST THAT WORKSHOP BE SCHEDULED SEPARATELY, NOT NECESSARILY IN OBERAMMERGAU. ROME WORKSHOP WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED FROM CAPITALS, WHICH FITTED ITS PURPOSE AS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS. SEPARATING WORKSHOP FROM SYMPOSIUM HAS ADVANTAGE OF NOT DILUTING SYMPOSIUM ATTENDANCE WITH WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS AND VICE VERSA. THE TWO SESSIONS WORKED WELL IN 1977 AS SEPARATE ACTIVITIES; WE SEE NO NEED FOR AN ATTEMPT AT ARTIFICIAL CROSS-FERTILIZATION IN 1978, GIVEN SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF SYMPOSIUM PARTICULARLY IF NATIONAL ATTENDANCE CAN TAKE ON SPECIAL CHARACTER ANTICIPATED IN US PARTICIPATING GROUP.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSED COVERAGE FOR THIRD DAY (EXPERIENCE).

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